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Dear Sir:

The following information is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 in accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56. This submission is not an admission that the documents cited herein are prior art as to the invention claimed.

The following references are known to Applicants:

1. Kempf, et al., European Patent Application No. EP 486948, published May 27, 1992.
2. Kempf, et al., European Patent Application No. EP 402646, published December 19, 1990.
3. Schostarez, et al., PCT Patent Application No. WO88/02374, published April 7, 1988.
- 4a. Schramm, et al., PCT Patent Application No. WO90/09191, published

August 23, 1990.

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5. Dreyer, et al., PCT Patent Application No. WO92/00948, published January 23, 1992.

6. Jadhav, et al., PCT Patent Application No. WO91/18866, published December 12, 1991.

7. Thaisrivongs, PCT Patent Application No. WO92/06996, published April 30, 1992.

8a. Budt, et al., European Patent Application No. EP 428849, published May 29, 1991.

8b. Translation of Budt, et al., EP 428849.

These references do not disclose or suggest the invention claimed in this application.

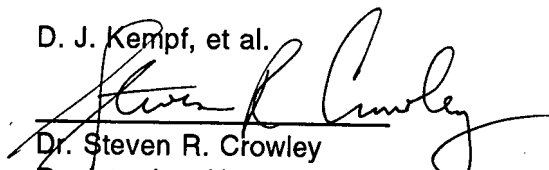
Copies of these references are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that these references be made of record.

In view of the foregoing information, favorable consideration of the claims in the Application is respectfully requested.

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